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SUBJECT: RUPEES: HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARING

1. LEE HAMILTON, CHAIRMAN, HFAC SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA HAS WRITTEN SECRETARY THAT "THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HOLD A HEARING ON THE DRAFT INDIAN RUPEE AGREEMENT." HAMILTON REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO "EXPLAIN THE AGREEMENT IN FULL, TO ASSESS THE BENEFITS OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES, AND TO PLACE THE AGREEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF OVERALL US-INDIAN RELATIONS." WE ARE RESPONDING POSITIVELY. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND COMMITTEE WILL ASK A GAO OFFICIAL TO TESTIFY.

2. LETTER CONTAINS NO REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC OFFICIAL TO APPEAR, BUT WE HAVE, OF COURSE, INFORMALLY INDICATED THAT DEPENDING ON TIMING, AMBASSADOR COULD, IF COMMITTEE DESIRED, BE PRESENT FOR HEARING AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

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3. WHILE WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY SUCH REQUESTS

FROM OTHER CONCERNED COMMITTEES, IT OBVIOUS THAT IF WE ARE TO MEET FEBRUARY 19 SIGNATURE DATE, WE MUST HAVE NECESSARY NO OBJECTION FROM ALL FOUR COMMITTEES WITHIN THIRTY DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING RECONVENING OF CONGRESS WITH NO SLIPPAGE.

4. FOR ABOVE REASONS, WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR SHOULD TENTATIVELY PLAN TO COME TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JANUARY 29/30 CONSULAR CONFERENCE IN MADRAS, TO CONSULT WITH CONGRESS ON RUPEE AGREEMENT. PLEASE LET US HAVE HIS P* FERENCES AS TO TIMING. KISSINGER

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